

## **ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING FY 2004 Board Actions**

### **BOARD**

#### ***November 2003***

- Established 2004 Board meeting dates.
- Established 2004 dates for Board Work Sessions.
- Approved revised mission, values and vision statements.
- Approved FY 2004-2008 Strategic Plan.

#### ***January 2004***

- Approved a Board-specific area to the ABN web site for access by Board members.

#### ***March 2004***

- Approved theme, purpose, schedule, and list of invitees for the ABN 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit to be held October 22, 2004.
- Approved printing and mailing FY 2003 Annual Report to each licensee.

#### ***September 2004***

- Approved resolution for donations of memorabilia from Helen McLean's family.
- Directed Executive Officer to reinstitute Friday mailings and also post relevant information on Board member specific web site.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### ***November 2003***

- Approved agreement with Publishing Concepts, Inc. to publish and distribute quarterly ABN newsletter contingent upon approval by Governor Riley.

***January 2004***

- Approved following the state financial policy regarding out-of-state travel reimbursement for meals.
- Reviewed fiscal policies.

***May 2004***

- Approved authority and functional organizational charts.

***September 2004***

- Evaluated Executive Officer and approved salary increase.
- Established Board member compensation for FY 05 at \$125 per day.
- Approved FY 06 Budget.

## **ADVANCED PRACTICE**

***November 2003***

- Approved parameters for approvals of insertion of central lines.

***March 2004***

- Approved Leslie Gatson, CRNP, for insertion of central lines in the subclavian vein.
- Approved exemption from documentation of on-site collaboration for Sharron Boatwright, CRNP, employed at TVA.
- Declined to duplicate statute for grounds for termination of collaborative practice.

***July 2004***

- Approved increase of central line catheter size from 6 Fr. To 8 Fr.

***September 2004***

- Appointed Jeanne Sewell, MPH, RN to second term on Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing.

## **CENTER FOR NURSING**

### ***November 2003***

- Amended purpose of Center.

### ***March 2004***

- State Personnel approved position for Director of Center and request made to establish register.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### ***January 2004***

- Withdrew approval from Y2K Health Educational Seminars, ABNP1180, for noncompliance with standards established for continuing education providers.
- Directed staff to submit draft guidelines for withdrawal of CE provider approval by staff.

### ***March 2004***

- Approved Policy: Staff Guidelines for Withdrawal of Approval of Continuing Education Providers.

### ***July 2004***

- Approved purchase of Tegrity-like system for online continuing education.
- Approved amendments to Chapter 610-X-10, Continuing Education for Licensure.

## **EDUCATION**

### ***November 2003***

- Determined that nursing education program hearings for non-compliant programs will be conducted by a Hearing Officer with a court reporter present during a regular Board meeting with the full Board present.

- Approved notice to Southern Community College PN program, University of Mobile ADN program, and Bishop State Community College ADN program of continued non-compliance with 75% NCLEX standard for first-time writers and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Approved Notice of Deficiency to Drake State Technical College PN program (correction by end of FY 2005) and Tuskegee University BSN program (correction by end of FY 2006) for failure to meet the 75% NCLEX standard for first-time writers.
- Suspended articulation/mobility advisory council due to activities at Department of Post-secondary Education.

#### *January 2004*

- Approved correction of Southern Community College-PN Program NCLEX results and notice of correction.
- Approved notice of correction to the following PN programs: Chattahoochee Valley State Community College; Bishop State Community College; Ayers State Technical College; Gadsden State Community College; Trenholm State Technical College
- Approved correction of NCLEX-RN® deficiency to Bishop State Community College ADN Program for achieving 75.8% in twelve month period.
- Approved sending University of Mobile-ADN Program a Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing for continued failure to meet NCLEX-RN® standard of 75% for first-time writers.
- Approved notice of correction to RN programs for meeting 75% NCLEX® standard within 12 months as directed: Lawson State Community College; Northeast Alabama Community College; Spring Hill College
- Granted provisional approval to Northeast Alabama Community College to establish a new practical nursing program.
- Granted provisional approval to Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to establish a new ADN program for LPN to RN mobility.

#### *March 2004*

- Approved staff guidelines for establishing a new nursing education program as an operational process for Board staff.
- Hearing regarding University of Mobile Associate Degree Nursing Program's continued non-

compliance with NCLEX® pass rates.

- Denied approval of the Navy Hospital Corpsman Program based on lack of substantial compliance with educational criteria for an approved Alabama practical nursing program.

***May 2004***

- Granted provisional approval to Snead State Community College for implementation of ADN/PN program effective Fall Semester 2004.
- Continued University of Mobile-ADN Program with deficiency until 2006 with various stipulations.

***July 2004***

- Approved FY 2004 Nursing Education Program Annual Report Form
- Approved amendment to Rule 610-X-3-.01(8)(c).

***September 2004***

- Granted petition for declaratory ruling from Susie McCutcheon, RN, BSN, MA, faculty member at Northwest Shoals Community College approving master's in guidance and counseling as "health-related" per rule.

## **LEGAL**

***November 2003***

- Approved changes to staff guidelines for resolution of disciplinary cases.
- Approved discontinuing comparative evaluation of probation and VDAP.
- Approved discontinuing report of licensee disciplinary action by nursing education program.

***March 2004***

- Approved Revised Staff Guidelines for Chemical Dependency Monitoring and Non-compliance.
- Denied application for rehearing for Russelle Louis Hubbard, RN, 1-073802

***July 2004***

- Denied request from Leisa Ann Eaddy to amend Board order allowing her to supervise other nurses.

## **LICENSING**

### ***November 2003***

- Approved, as final certification, revisions to fee schedule.
- Approved services agreement with System Automation to upgrade License 2000.

### ***July 2004***

- Denied petition for declaratory ruling from Kirk Kevin Leopard, requesting to take the NCLEX-PN® based on experience and Navy corpsman training.
- Repealed Chapter 610-X-4, Licensure and approved new Chapter 610-X-4, Licensure.

## **POST-BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

### ***November 2003***

- Approved maintaining current process of applications.

## **PRACTICE**

### ***November 2003***

- Denied Petition for Declaratory Ruling by J. Daniel Raulerson, M.D. requesting that LPNs be allowed to administer D50W.
- Approved Standardized Procedures Annual Report Form.
- Approved The Children's Hospital of Alabama request for RNs in the Emergency Department to perform medical screening examinations.
- Approved definition and regulations of Registered Nurse First Assistants (Chapter 610-X-2-.06(7); Chapter 610-X-6-.12).
- Viewed a videotape about crystal methamphetamine during open forum.

### ***January 2004***

- Approved standards of practice for sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) and definition of SANE. Rules 610-X-6-.13, and 610-X-2-.06(8).

***March 2004***

- Approved administration of collagen as within scope of practice of CRNPs, RNs, and LPNs pursuant to an organized program of study, supervised clinical practice, and demonstrated clinical competence.
- Approved administration of Botulinum Toxin Type A as within the scope of practice of CRNPs and RNs pursuant to an organized program of study, supervised clinical practice, and demonstrated clinical competence.
- Approved Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy as a standardized procedure for Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

***May 2004***

- Deferred decision on RNFA standardized procedure for Huntsville Hospital pending comment from Board of Medical Examiners.
- Approved amendment to Chapter 610-X-6-.06, Delegation by School Nurses to lower required curriculum hours from 24 to 12.
- Deferred decision on proposed Chapter 610-X-6-.14, Delegation of Assistance with Medications in the Department of Mental Health.

***July 2004***

- Approved standardized procedure for RNFAs at Huntsville Hospital System.
- Denied standardized procedure request from Druid City Health Systems to allow LPNs to administer H2 blockers via intravenous push but will discuss LPN scope of practice on future work session.

***September 2004***

- Directed Executive Officer to bring information related to community based health care and medication technicians/aides to December work session to address proposals from Alabama Assisted Living Association and Alabama Department of Mental Health.
- Issued declaratory ruling to Bonnie Davis, RN, Shealy Lynn, RN and Janis Ward, RN, indicating that it is not a violation of the NPA or administrative code for a school nurse to administer over the counter medications without a physician order so long as written parental consent is obtained.

- Directed Executive Officer to devote the December Work Session to community-based settings.
- Directed that a list of standardized procedures requests and Board actions be placed on the web site.

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING, INC.**

#### ***January 2004***

- Denied request to provide individual NCLEX® candidate results to CGFNS unless there is written consent from each candidate.
- Approved Proposed Revisions to NCLEX-PN® Test Plan

#### ***March 2004***

- Determined that Marjesta K. Jones, LPN would be a candidate for Director at Large position, Dr. Elaine Klein for Committee on Nominations for Area III, and Genell Lee as a candidate for President.

#### ***May 2004***

- Elected Dr. Lockwood and Ms. Lee to serve as delegates to the 2004 Delegate Assembly in Kansas City.
- Elected Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Homan to serve as alternate delegates to the 2004 Delegate Assembly in Kansas City.

#### ***July 2004***

- Provided direction to delegates attending the 2004 Annual Meeting.
- Directed Ms. Lee to draft letter supporting Marjesta Jones' candidacy for Director at Large and Ms. Lee's candidacy for President.

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